

HEMBREE SPRINGS ELEMENTARY PTA NEWSLETTER

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Red Ribbon Week

This week we spent the week celebrating Red Ribbon Week. We discussed different character traits as they relate to drug awareness. Thanks for your help with supporting Red Ribbon week and please continue to reinforce these character traits at home.

CARING - Caring means being helpful and kind. One way to care for yourself is by saying "NO" to drugs. Drugs change the way you think, act and feel. They make you do things that a person of good character would not do.

CITIZENSHIP - Good Citizenship means doing your best for your school, community and country. Illegal drugs are against the law for anyone to use. A good citizen obeys the law. Show good citizenship by pledging to stay drug free.

RESPONSIBILITY - You are being responsible when you do what you are expected to do. Drugs can cloud your mind and make you sick or sleepy. They make it hard to do things like schoolwork or chores. Always make responsible choices by saying "No" to drugs and "Yes" to healthy things!

RESPECT - Show respect by being polite and considerate to others. Show respect to yourself, too! Always be the best you can be! Turn your back on drugs. They keep you from being as smart and as strong as you can be.

COURAGE - Having courage means doing the right thing even if you are afraid. Sometimes other kids can want you to do something that can be hurtful or dangerous. You might be afraid that they will make fun of you for saying "NO." Show courage by saying "NO" when others try to talk you into doing something that is wrong.



Volunteer Hours



Please remember to sign in on the volunteer computer located opposite the front desk whenever you come in to do any volunteer activity. It is also important to sign out when leaving so that the computer can calculate your time. If you do not sign out, the time you spent volunteering will not be recorded. Hembree Springs receives awards and recognition from the GA PTA for volunteer hours. Any volunteer time spent outside of school should be sent to VolunteerHours@hembreespringspta.org.

Simply send an e-mail with the total time spent volunteering along with your name, phone number and general category. Thank you all so much for your dedication to the students of our school!

Fall Spirit Wear Sale is Here!

New merchandise is available during the Fall spirit wear sale! The sale begins on Friday, October 30th, and features hooded sweatshirts, zipper hooded sweatshirts, flannel pants and baseball tees. Order forms will be sent home in your child's Friday folders, or you can place your orders during Freaky Friday. A table will be set up at Freaky Friday to take orders and to sell short sleeve t-shirts that we have in-stock. Cash and checks made to *Hembree Springs PTA* will be accepted. This is a great time to stock up on Hembree Springs spirit wear and to buy holiday gifts. Orders will be delivered in time for the holidays. If you would like the order to remain secret, just mark "Holiday Gift" on your order form, and we will make arrangements to get the order to you. Don't forget that we have adult sizes, too! All orders must be in by Friday, November 13th. Every Friday is spirit day at Hembree Springs!



Family Nights

Firstly, we would like to thank all of our families for coming out to Chuck E Cheese's for Family Night. Thank you for your continual support of the PTA and HSES. *Family Nights calendar:*

November 12th - Chick FilA 4-8pm
November 19th - Domino's

Dec. TBD - Barnes & Noble 4-9pm
December 16th - Alessio's 3-9pm

Proceeds benefit the Hembree Springs PTA's school enrichment programs.



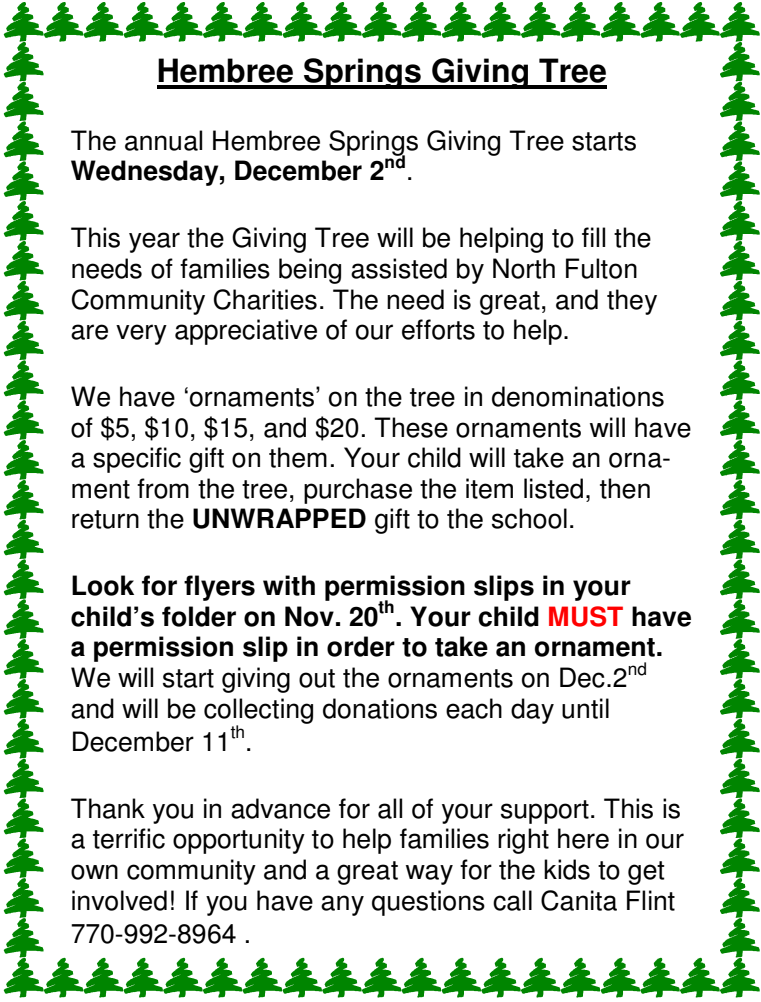
Freaky Friday is baaack!

October 30th 5:30p-8:30p
DJ, Candy, Prizes, Games,
Teacher Mummy wrap;
\$8 per child.

2yrs and under free.

Food available for purchase.
Pizza/Hotdog, chips and drink!

If you haven't already done so, it is not too late to join the PTA for the '09-'10 school year. Membership is available for as little as \$5. Please e-mail Rachel Jordan at Membership@hembreespringspta.org to request a form or with any questions. Thank you for your support!



Hembree Springs Giving Tree

The annual Hembree Springs Giving Tree starts **Wednesday, December 2nd**.

This year the Giving Tree will be helping to fill the needs of families being assisted by North Fulton Community Charities. The need is great, and they are very appreciative of our efforts to help.

We have 'ornaments' on the tree in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$15, and \$20. These ornaments will have a specific gift on them. Your child will take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item listed, then return the **UNWRAPPED** gift to the school.

Look for flyers with permission slips in your child's folder on Nov. 20th. Your child **MUST have a permission slip in order to take an ornament.** We will start giving out the ornaments on Dec. 2nd and will be collecting donations each day until December 11th.

Thank you in advance for all of your support. This is a terrific opportunity to help families right here in our own community and a great way for the kids to get involved! If you have any questions call Canita Flint 770-992-8964 .

Who Is Your Room Parent?

Room Parents pass along important information throughout the year. By now, you should have received numerous communications from your class room parent. If you do not know who your room parent is or have not received any communication from them, please contact your homeroom teacher and let them know.

BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!

The annual Hembree Springs book fair will be in the media center from November 30th through December 8th, with Family Night on December 7th until 7:00pm. December 8th will be a "Parents Only" day from 8:00 am to 11:00 am and a perfect time to purchase secret presents for your children. This is a great opportunity to get holiday gifts for family, friends, students and teachers while helping the school grow the media center! If you would like to help staff the book fair, please email Sharon Mutnick at mediacenter@hembreespringspta.org. You will automatically be contacted if you are on the media center volunteer list.



LUNCH BUNCH

Students in fourth and fifth grades will soon be involved in a book club! The optional reading program will require students to read a specific book over a month. The small group of ten students will then discuss the book over lunch. The session will be facilitated by a parent who will be provided with a guide for the lesson. It will last only 30 minutes. Look for details in the next two weeks. If you would like to volunteer, please contact fourth grade parent, Karen Johnson, at 770-329-2400 or fifth grade parent, Julie Daniels, at 678-521-0584.



Box Top Contest



The winner of the Box Top\$ contest was Mrs. Gano's class. They collected over 700 Box Top\$. As a whole, we collected about 8,000 Box Top dollars, which means we raised over \$800 for Hembree Springs! Thanks for everyone's support.

Keep saving those labels! There will be another contest in January 2010. Just make sure that you place your labels in an envelope or ziplock bag with your child's name and their teacher's name. Any submissions from here on out will count for the January contest. This is a great way to raise money for the school without spending extra money. Labels range in value from \$0.10 to \$0.25. Some schools raise more than \$10,000 a year through these programs. Please encourage neighbors, family, and friends to save their labels for you! If you have any questions, please contact Jen Hasson at jhasson@charter.net.

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